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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (SEELYE, TALCOTTW.)

SUBJ: DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SEELYE'S VISIT

REF: ADDIS ABABA 250

1. INTER ALIA, WE HAVE REQUESTED APPOINTMENTS FOR YOU WITH MENGISTU, KIFLE AND MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AYALEW MANDFRO. HOW MANY OF THESE WILL MATERIALIZE IS ANYBODY'S GUESS AT THIS POINT.

2. I AM NOT AT ALL CERTAIN WHAT POINTS ETHIOPIANS MAY WISH RAISE WITH YOU. KIFLE IS MORE OFTEN APT TO REPLY TO QUESTIONS THAN RAISE THEM, AND MENGISTU IS AN UNKNOWN QUANTITY IN THIS REGARD. AYALEW, HOWEVER, TENDS TO ASK BLUNT QUESTIONS AND WE SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR HIM. FOCUS MOST LIKELY WILL BE ON WASHINGTON PERCEPTIONS, SPECIFICALLY:

- A. STATUS OF LONG-OUTSTANDING AMMO REQUEST,
- B. STATUS OF RECENT MUCH SMALLER AIR FORCE AMMO REQUEST, AND RECENT REQUEST FOR TWO HELICOPTERS,
- C. RATIONALE FOR ENDING MAP THIS FISCAL YEAR (IF ETHIOPIANS BECOME AWARE OF THIS BEFORE YOUR VISIT),
- D. U.S. POSITION ON FTAI (THEY AWARE OF DELEGATE POSTON'S STATEMENT AT UNGA LAST DECEMBER),
- E. STATE OF BILATERAL RELATIONS IN GENERAL.

3. ON OUR SIDE, IN ADDITION IN INQUIRING ONCE AGAIN HOW THEY VIEW BILATERAL RELATIONS AND TO OTHER GENERAL

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TOPICS MENTIONED REFTTEL, WE MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER TELLING THEM ONCE MORE OF OUR DISTRESS WITH CIA PROPAGANDA, OUR HOPE FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO ERITREAN PROBLEM, AND OUR HOPE THAT SUDANESE /ETHIOPIAN TENSUNCUS WILL EASE. YOU MAY ALSO WANT TO COMMENT ON CURRENT WASHINGTON CLIMATE RE HUMAN RIGHTS. TIENKEN

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